

WHAT ROLE DOES THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PLAY IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS?

Mutual Aid Region

- o Coordinate state agency emergency response activities.
- o Maintain liaison with state, federal, and local emergency response agencies.
- o Provide emergency planning guidance and assistance to local jurisdictions.
- o Provide the State Director of OES with situation reports and recommended courses of action.
- o Receive, evaluate, and disseminate information on emergency operations.
- o Respond to mutual aid requests submitted by jurisdictions and Operational Area Coordinators. Channel those that cannot be met in the Region to the State Operations Center.

State Office of Emergency Services

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- o Coordinate emergency activities of all state agencies.
- o Coordinate emergency operations with bordering states.
- o Coordinate the flow of state mutual aid resources to local jurisdictions.
- o Receive and allocate resources supplied by federal agencies and other states.
- o Maintain liaison with state, federal, and private agencies.
- o Maintain the State Operations Center.
- o Prepare emergency proclamations and orders for the Governor and disseminate them.
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The Office of Emergency Services (OES) is the operational entity within the Governor's Office that coordinates the emergency activities of all state agencies and departments during time of war, a state of emergency, or a local emergency (Emergency Services Act, Article 5, Section 8587). In addition, the Governor may delegate other emergency powers to the Director of OES, except the power to make, amend, or rescind orders and regulations, and the power to proclaim a state of emergency.

The OES also operates the state's emergency communications system. This system connects each of California's 58 counties to the OES Emergency Operations Center in Sacramento. During an energy emergency, the Energy Commission communicates directly with OES through the OES Liaison, to monitor energy supply and distribution problems at the local level, and to ensure a coordinated, consistent emergency response by the state.

WHAT SERVICES DO YOU OFFER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER DISASTERS?

We provide the following services to local governments:

Assistance in PREPARING for disasters:

- **Disaster Planning**—To develop and update our state Emergency Plan and supporting plans. Our state supporting plans consist of:
 - Air Pollution Plan
 - Earthquake Response Plan
 - Emergency Public Information Plan
 - Fire and Rescue Plan
 - Flood Plan
 - Law Enforcement Plan
 - Medical Plan
 - Nuclear Blackmail Plan
 - Nuclear Power Plant Response Plan
 - Oil Spills Plan
 - Radiological Defense Plan
 - Radioactive Materials Incident Plan
 - Utilities Plan
 - Warning Plan
- **Disaster Planning Guidance**—For assistance in developing local emergency plans tailored to meet local needs.
- **Federal Matching Funds**—For establishing and developing local emergency programs.
- **Communications and Warning Systems**—To maintain a continuous, 24-hour communication with local and state government agencies.
- **Training Programs** include:
 - Simulations of emergency operations in disasters;
 - Disaster recovery administration training;
 - Career development courses in emergency management;
 - Public information training; and other specialized training programs.
- **Public Information and Education**—To Provide pamphlets, films, posters, radio and television public service announcements on disaster preparedness.

Assistance in RESPONDING and RECOVERING from a disaster:

- **Damage Assessment**—Assists in assessing damages caused by a disaster.
- **Emergency Coordination**—Directing and coordinating with local, state, federal and private organizations.
- **Fire Mutual Aid Program**—Coordinates the mobilization of state and locally-owned fire and rescue resources to fight a fire.
- **Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Program**—Assists state and local government in riot control and in securing an area after an evacuation.
- **Search and Rescue**—Coordinates with local and state agencies having search and rescue responsibilities to assist them in rescuing people lost in our California mountains.
- **Financial Disaster Recovery Services**—Through the Natural Disaster Assistance Act, provides funds to repair, restore and replace real property such as buildings, streets, bridges and other public property on a cost-share basis.